

## **Preparing Your Heart for Worship**

September 22, 2024

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“So when the devil throws your sins in your face and declares that you deserve death and hell, tell him this: ‘I admit that I deserve death and hell, what of it? You don’t know the half of it. For I know the One who suffered and made satisfaction on my behalf. His name is Jesus Christ, Son of God, and where He is there I shall be also.’”

– Martin Luther

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: The Earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, for it is his handiwork!

**Congregation: Come, let us adore him!**

Pastor: Worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.

**Congregation: Come, let us adore him!**

Pastor: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting.

**Congregation: Come, let us adore him!**

Pastor: Lord, open our lips.

**Together: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise!**

## **HYMNS OF PRAISE**

*“Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love”*

Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love  
Too vast and astounding to tell  
Forever existing in worlds above  
Now offered and given to all  
Oh fountain of beauty eternal  
The Father the Spirit the Son  
Sufficient and endlessly generous  
Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love

Creation is brimming with thankfulness  
The mountains exultant they stand  
The seasons rejoice in Your faithfulness  
All life is sustained by Your hand  
You crown every meadow with color  
You paint every shade in the sky  
Each day the dawn wakes as an encore of  
Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love

Chorus:

How great how sure  
His love endures forevermore  
Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love

What grace that You entered our brokenness  
You came in the fullness of time  
How far we had fallen from righteousness  
But not from the mercies of Christ  
Your cross is our door to redemption  
Your death is our fullness of life  
That day how forgiveness flowed as a flood  
Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love

Chorus

Bridge:  
United in Your resurrection  
You lift us to infinite heights  
Could anything sever or take us from  
Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love

Chorus 2x

*“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”*

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name

On Christ the solid rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand

When darkness veils his lovely face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil

On Christ the solid rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand

His oath, his covenant, his blood  
Supports me in the 'whelming flood  
When all around my soul gives way  
He then is all my hope and stay

On Christ the solid rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in his righteousness alone  
Faultless to stand before the throne

On Christ the solid rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Because Jesus Christ died in your place, for your sins, you are forgiven.

**People: Hallelujah! Praise God!**

## **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**

*Children ages 3 through 4th grade dismiss with their teachers for Sunday school. They will return at the end of the service.*

## **OFFERTORY**

*Prayer cards are located in the pews. If you'd like our prayer team to pray for you, please fill out a card and drop it in the offering plate.*

**HYMN OF ASSURANCE**

*“Psalm 116 (I Love You Lord)”*

I love You, Lord  
For You have delivered me  
I love You, Lord  
For You have delivered  
My soul from death  
My feet from stumbling  
I will walk in the land of the living  
My soul from death  
My feet from stumbling  
I will walk in the land of the living

I love You, Lord  
For You have delivered me  
I love You, Lord  
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My soul from death  
My feet from stumbling  
I will walk in the land of the living  
My soul from death  
My feet from stumbling  
I will walk in the land of the living

I will bless You, Lord for You heard my cry  
I reached out my hand and You saved my life  
I will bless You, Lord for You heard my plea  
And the God of Heaven turned His ear to me  
I will bless You, Lord for unending love  
For Your grace and mercy raining down from above  
And I will bless You, Lord to the very end  
I will call on You as long as I may live

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I love You, Lord  
For You have delivered  
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My feet from stumbling  
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## **SERMON TEXT**

### **John 1:35-50**

35 The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What



are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” 39 He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). 42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).

43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” 46 Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” 47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” 48 Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” 49 Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” 50 Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.”

**SERMON: “Come & See”**

*John 1:35-50*

*Rev. Lanier Wood*



## THE LORD'S SUPPER

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*New City Catechism*

Q34. Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through Christ alone, must we still do good works and obey God's Word?

**A. Yes, because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, also renews us by his Spirit; so that our lives may show love and gratitude to God; so that we may be assured of our faith by the fruits; and so that by our godly behavior others may be won to Christ.**

Q35. Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through faith alone, where does this faith come from?

**A. All the gifts we receive from Christ we receive through the Holy Spirit, including faith itself.**

Q36. What do we believe about the Holy Spirit?

**A. That he is God, coeternal with the Father and the Son, and that God grants him irrevocably to all who believe.**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **Prayer of Belief**

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen.

### **Prayer of Humble Access**

I do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in my own goodness, but only in your righteousness credited to me. I am not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose manner is always to show mercy. Grant me, therefore, O Lord, the grace to commune now with Christ by faith, that I may evermore live with him and he in me. Amen.

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

*“Christ is Risen”*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
For I once was lost, but now I’m found  
Was blind but now I see

Hallelujah  
Christ is risen from the grave  
Hallelujah  
Christ is risen from the grave

The prodigal is welcomed home  
The sinner now a saint  
For the God who died came back to life  
And everything is changed

Hallelujah  
Christ is risen from the grave  
Hallelujah  
Christ is risen from the grave

Oh death, where is your sting?  
Oh fear, where is your power?  
For the mighty King of kings has disarmed you  
Delivered and redeemed  
Eternal life resounds  
Oh, praise His name forever

Hallelujah  
Christ is risen from the grave  
Hallelujah  
Christ is risen from the grave

And all throughout eternity  
Our song will be the same  
Hallelujah  
Christ is risen from the grave

And on the day You call me in  
To Heaven's sweet embrace  
I'll see Your scars, Your open arms  
And the beauty of Your face  
Through tears of joy, I'll lift my voice  
In everlasting praise  
Hallelujah  
Christ is risen from the grave

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For the mighty King of kings has disarmed you  
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Eternal life resounds  
Oh, praise His name forever

Hallelujah  
Christ is risen from the grave  
Hallelujah  
Christ is risen from the grave

And all throughout eternity  
Our song will be the same  
Hallelujah  
Christ is risen from the grave, yeah  
Jesus is alive, oh, oh-oh  
And all throughout eternity  
Our song will be the same  
Hallelujah  
Christ is risen from the grave  
And on the day You call me in  
To Heaven's sweet embrace  
I'll see Your scars, Your open arms  
And the beauty of Your face  
Through tears of joy, I'll lift my voice  
In everlasting praise  
Hallelujah  
Christ is risen from the grave



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done,  
on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil:  
For Thine is the Kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen. Amen. Amen.

## BENEDICTION

## **NEW MEMBERS**

Homer Allgood

Ham & Whitney Barnett

Kaye Bolton

Drew & Becca Estabrook

Todd Golomb & Gina Gregory

Gordon & Megan Hamilton

Peyton & Perry Harvill

Charles & Maggie Hoyt

Garner & Virginia Jeffery

Randy & Fran Lyons

Keith & Vicki McCrory

William McCrory

Earl & Stephanie McKinnell

Paul, Mary Kempton, & Alice Moore

Johnny & Tricia Nix

Dusty & Machel Pannell

Holley Rice

Mike Rogers & June Choi

Steven & Merrill South

Sandy & Jean Stimpson

Tanner & Jewel Thompson

## **ELDERS**

Bubba O’Gwynn, Forrest Crabtree, Joe Currier, Joe Hastings, Chris Estis, Wes Pipes, Bobby Crow, & David Wilhelm

## **DEACONS**

Don Breter, Kelley Lamberth, Victor Streed, Kenneth Taylor, Linda Turnipseed, Foster Veazey, Kim Padgett, Chad Cross, & Dana Renta

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Please Welcome Lexi Myers** – Welcome Lexi to our staff! Lexi has stayed on from Summer to serve the Youth. Please reach out to her. She would love to get to know your daughter!

**Lanier’s Friday Men’s Bible Study** – Join us Friday mornings from 6:30-7:30 as we begin a new study “Faith and Works.” Questions? Email [lanier@covenantpresmobile.org](mailto:lanier@covenantpresmobile.org).

**Alec’s Thursday Men’s Bible Study** – Join us Thursday mornings at 6:30 as we study God’s word together.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Youth Group Today** – Grades 6-10, join us today from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. There will be pizza!

**Catechism Club** – Calling all fifth graders! Catechism Club is today in between services from 10:20-10:50 in the Youth Room. Questions? Email [sonny@covenantpresmobile.org](mailto:sonny@covenantpresmobile.org).

**Young Families Lunch & Hang** – Families with young children, join us TODAY from 12:00 to 2:00 for lunch and fellowship. Lunch will be served in the Crichton Table Room.

**Ladies' Thursday Bible Study** – Join us Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. We have begun our study in the book of Acts. Fall sign-ups are on the website. Questions? Email [kitty@covenantpresmobile.org](mailto:kitty@covenantpresmobile.org)

**Junior and Seniors Biscuits & Bibles** – Join us at Chick-Fil-A on Tuesday (boys) and Wednesday (girls) mornings from 6:30-7:15 for small group Bible study. Questions? Email [sonny@covenantpresmobile.org](mailto:sonny@covenantpresmobile.org)

**CovGirls Bible Club is Wednesday!** First-fourth grade girls, join us Wednesday after school until 4:15. We will have playground time, snacks, and hear God's word. Email [whitneybarnett@covenantpresmobile.org](mailto:whitneybarnett@covenantpresmobile.org) with questions or to contribute snacks.